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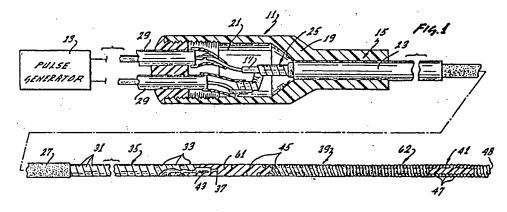
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## (See Guiding catheter.

A guiding catheter, especially for use with a pacing catheter including an elongated catheter body 63 having proximal and distal ends, at least one lumen extending longitudinally in the body 63 and a port 72 extending from a lumen to the exterior of the catheter body 63, said port 72 being in the right heart when the catheter extends through the right heart to the pulmonary artery, said guiding

catheter including an elongated stiffening element 64 extending from a location on the proximal side of said port 72 to a location on the distal side of said port 72, said stiffening element 64 being flexible but sufficiently stiff to cause the catheter to be gently curved without forming a kink when the catheter extends through the right ventrical to the pulmonary artery.

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